

Sullivan Upper School Monthly Newsletter

Dates for Diary - October 2017

Monday 2 October 2017	Geography AS Fieldwork for Year 13 (am)
Monday 2-Friday 6 October	Scholastic Book Fair in School Library
Wednesday 4 October 2017	Geography A2 Fieldwork for Year 13 (am)
Wednesday 18 October 2017	Year 14 Parental Consultations (7.00-9.00 pm)
Thursday 19-Wednesday 25 October	Exchange Visit to Madrid
Friday 20 October	Year 8 Study Skills
Saturday 21 October	AQE Familiarisation Day (10.00-11.00 am)
Wednesday 25 October	House Music Competition
Friday 27 October	Prize Day (2.00 pm)
Monday 30—Friday 3 November	Half Term Holidays (School Closed)

Ross Gourley (Yr 13) brings home medals from Loughborough where he represented Ulster in wheelchair tennis at the UK School Games: Gold (singles) and Silver (doubles).



European Brass Band Championships

7 Sullivan pupils competed in the championships, held in Belgium: Cathryn Lynch, Conor Branigan, Max Paul, Micah Lee, Owen Brannigan, Patrick Haley and Shane Hart. All performed with the 1st Old Boys Youth Band and Cathryn and Conor also performed with the Senior Band. Facing stiff competition from all over Europe, the bands were placed 5th and 2nd respectively.

Ulster Athletics multi events competition

Congratulations to Rory Carson and Rachel McCann who won their age groups in the Ulster Athletics multi events competition. Also to Isaac Hart who came 4th in his event.

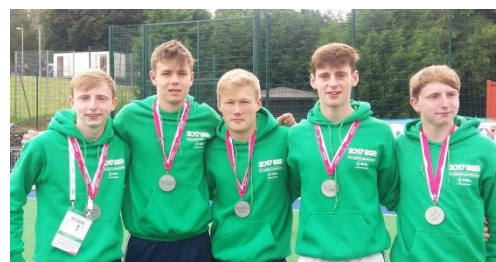
The pupils now go on to compete at the Irish event in October.

The photo on the left is Rory Carson winning the Minor Boys and, on the right, is Rachel McCann (intermediate girls winner), Isaac Hart and Rory Carson.



Boys Hockey – Ulster U18s

Congratulations to the following five pupils who represented Ulster U18s in the inter-provincial tournament in Dublin at the end of September, ending the tournament as runners-up. The boys were also part of the Ulster team which took Silver in the UK School Games.



From left to right: Harry Morris, Fergus Gibson (Captain), Callum Carson, Tom Robson (Vice-Captain), Matthew Morris

Boys Hockey— Ulster U16s

Congratulations to the following boys who played for the triumphant Ulster U16 team in the recent inter-provincial tournament in Dublin:



From left to right: Patrick Rose (Yr10), Tom McClintock (Yr 11), Djay Erskine, (Yr11), Harrison Dunlop (Yr11), Michael Trimble (Yr12),

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Lessons from Auschwitz

Pupils Cora Alexander, Beatrice Campbell, Isobel Meharg and Jamie Ferris were selected to take part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's *Lessons from Auschwitz* project. They travelled to Auschwitz, accompanied by Miss Morgan, and visited the former Nazi concentration and death camp, a profoundly moving experience. Since returning, the group have had to prepare a project and deliver it to their peers. They have now become and are recognised as Ambassadors for the Holocaust Education Trust UK.

Fergus McMullan (Yr14) participated in the British International Open Karate Championships on 1 October in Edinburgh.

Trampolining success

Kathleen Smartt (Year 14) competed in the NI Gymnastics Trampoline finals and was placed 3rd in the U19 Elite, 3rd in the Ladies Open Elite, and, with her partner, won the Pairs Synchro event.



Congratulations to Thomas Anderson (Yr14) who was selected, following a rigorous application process, to represent the Air Cadet Wing and Air Cadet Organization UK during the summer - the only candidate selected from Northern Ireland.

Hockey Honour

Mary Smartt (Year 11) was selected for the Ulster U16 hockey team to play in a three-match series against Scotland in June. Mary will train with the Ulster squad during the 2017-18 season.

Jamie Law, Y10, has been selected for the Ulster U15 squash team.

Ulster Schools Novice Swimming

Congratulations to the following Junior boys who represented the school at the Ulster Schools Novice Swimming Gala in Ballymena in May: Evan Coulter, Gethin Lloyd, Mark Stinson and Matthew Latimer. Evan Coulter came first in the 50m Breaststroke and third in the 50m backstroke with the others all swimming in finals. The four boys were delighted to come first in the Freestyle Relay and second in the Medley Relay events.



Athletics Success

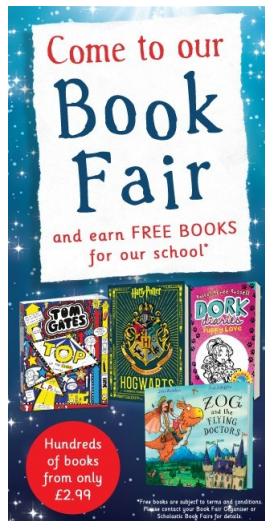
Congratulations to Rachel McCann (Yr12) on her very successful season in athletics, while representing both Sullivan and as part of her club, North Down AC. She came second in the 300m at the Tailteann games which earned her a place in the Irish schools team at the SAIB international event, where her 4x300m relay team earned bronze. While running for NDAC she earned silver in the 400m and bronze in the 200m at the All-Ireland championship, earning herself another opportunity to wear an Irish kit at the Celtic games. This time she was part of the U18s 4x400 relay team, winning gold over Wales and Scotland.



In addition to her experience in Loughborough at the UK schools games, Rachel was lucky enough to be selected to represent Northern Ireland and Ulster in the under 17 English age groups championships in Bedford and also made her senior debut as part of the 4x400 relay team at the Manchester international competition.

Her success in the summer earned her a place to train with the Northern Ireland Athletics youth development team.

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Annual Scholastic Book Fair

With so many brilliant books to explore, it's the perfect way for you to get the latest titles. Come and join us:

When:

Monday 2 October – Friday 6 October 2017 during Library period, before school, break-time and after school

Where:

LIBRARY

There are **over 200 titles** for you to browse through, and with fantasy, thrillers, romance, historical fiction, humour, non-fiction and lots more, starting from **only £2.99**, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

UK SCHOOL GAMES

Eleven pupils were selected to participate in the UK School Games at Loughborough University, 31 August-3 September 2017:

Hockey: Callum Carson, Fergus Gibson, Harry Morris, Matthew Morris, Tom Robson

Cycling: Nathan Keown and Maia Simmons

Wheelchair Tennis: Ross Gourley

Athletics: Rachel McCann and Amy-Jane Kimber

Swimming : Tom Uprichard



FOOTBALL NEWS

Harry Wilson and Robbie Morrow (Year 10) were members of the Club NI 04, Northern Ireland U13 football squad which competed in international competitions in Sweden and Italy.



CYCLING

Maia Simmons (Yr 10) has just returned from the UK school games in Loughborough. Maia was one of the youngest competitors and managed to secure 5th place in the street sprints. This was a fantastic achievement and a great end to her already successful cycling season. Maia won 2 National Irish titles in Co Carlow in August for U14 road-racing - she has held these titles for 3 consecutive years. Maia also holds the Ulster U14 road-racing title.



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Through the Youth Media Charity Headliners, which helps young people tell stories that matter to

them, Turlough Smyth (Yr 12) recently made a short film about 'voting at 16' which was screened at NI Youth Forum's Votes at 16 Campaign Launch on Friday 15 September 2017.



Speed Stacking

Laura Beacom (10M) broke 3 UK records, for her age group, in the competition in Glasgow during the Summer. She took part in the Speed Stacking Competition in London on Friday 22 September and came out as the 3rd best Girl in the UK and with 4 medals – 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze. Her fastest tournament time is 7.763 seconds – 0.01 away from the overall UK record. She hopes to be invited to Sheffield in

December for the qualification try outs to represent the UK in the World Championships in America next Easter. Good Luck Laura.



ATHLETICS

Zac Moraghan (Year 11) has enjoyed a successful season in athletics. He followed up his double gold in the Ulster Championships U15 (80m Hurdles and 250m Hurdles) with a gold in the National Championships at Tullamore. He is now the National Champion for U15 80m Hurdles.



Guinness World Record

Oliver Galbraith (Yr 10) recently broke a Guinness World Record. He achieved the 'most no-handed jumps on a pogo stick', with 4530 jumps.

United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Maths Challenge Success

Over 82,000 pupils from across the UK returned scripts for the Intermediate Maths Challenge with the top 10% receiving a gold certificate, the next 20% silver and the next 30% bronze. Pupils at Sullivan Upper School achieved 3 golds, 18 silvers and 27 bronze awards in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge.

Matthew Hawkins, Sarah Robinson, Christopher McKie, Erin Dawson and Michael Trimble were awarded a gold certificate. Matthew and Chris were also awarded certificates for Best in Year performances. Matthew and Sarah qualified to compete in the Pink Kangaroo follow-on round and they were each awarded a certificate of qualification.

Right: Sarah Robinson with her certificate

